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Applicant: BARSTOW, David et al.

Appl'n No.: 09/548,719

Filing Date: 13 April 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BROADCASTING
LIVE EVENTS TO ANOTHER LOCATION AND
PRODUCING A COMPUTER SIMULATION OF THE
EVENTS AT THAT LOCATION

Group Art Unit: 2178

Examiner: PAULA, C

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**NOTIFICATION OF LITIGATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & § 1.98**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), and in accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants would like to call to the Examiner's attention the litigation documents listed below and on the enclosed substitute form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that the listed litigation documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, that the Examiner initial each listed document to evidence its consideration, and that the listed documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" section on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants disclose for the Examiner's review the below-listed documents relating to a litigation (*DDB Technologies, LLC. v. MLB Advanced Media, L.P.*, Civil Action No. A04 CA 352) involving U.S. Patent Nos. 5,189,630 (the '630 patent), 5,526,479 (the '479 patent), 5,671,347 (the '347 patent), and 6,204,862 (the '862 patent). The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/871,713 (which issued into the '862 patent), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/660,891 (which issued into the '347 patent), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/920,355 (which issued into the '479 patent), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/542,990 (the '990 application), filed on June 25, 1990, now abandoned, and U.S. Patent Application No.

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07/641,716 (which issued into the '630 patent). DDB Technologies, L.L.C., plaintiff in the aforementioned litigation, is the assignee of record of the '630 patent, '479 patent, '347 patent, '862 patent, and the present application. The litigation commenced on June 15, 2004 and is ongoing.

Applicants disclose below the documents that seem useful for the Examiner to assess the patentability of the present invention. If the Examiner wishes to obtain and review additional litigation documents for that purpose, the Examiner is invited to make that request of Applicants.

Examiner Initials	Document		
	Defendant's Expert Report of Christopher Schmandt Re: Invalidity of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,671,347, 6,204,862, and 5,189,630, dated August 15, 2005.		
	Civil Docket for case #: 04-CV-352 ("Docket") from December 19, 2005		
	Docket entry # 1 (dated 6/15/04): Complaint filed.		
	Docket entry # 5 (dated 9/23/04): Answer to complaint and counterclaim by MLB Advanced Media against DDB Technologies.		
	Docket entry # 22 (dated 10/13/04): Answer by DDB Technologies to counterclaim.		
	Docket entry # 55 (dated 3/16/05): Amended answer and counterclaims by MLB Advanced Media: answer.		
	Docket entry # 58 (dated 3/30/05): Opening Markman Brief by DDB Technologies.		
	Docket entry # 61 (dated 4/4/05): Answer by DDB Technologies to amended counterclaim.		
	Docket entry # 63 (dated 4/29/05): Initial Markman Brief by MLB Advanced Media.		
	Docket entry # 64 (dated 5/9/05): Markman Reply Brief by DDB Technologies.		
	Docket entry # 65 (dated 5/12/05): Supplement filed by MLB Advanced Media Re: brief [63-1] - Correction.		
	Docket entry # 86 (dated 8/2/05): Exhibit list by MLB Advanced Media from 8/2/05 Markman hearing.		
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	Docket entry # 87 (dated 8/2/05): Exhibit list by DDB Technologies from 8/2/05 Markman hearing.		
	Docket entry # 88 (dated 9/1/05): Transcript filed for dates of 8/2/05 (Proceedings Transcribed: Markman Hearing).		
	Docket entry # 93 (dated 10/3/05): Motion by MLB Advanced Media to amend answer.		
	Docket entry # 103 (dated 10/14/05): Answer by DDB Technologies to counterclaim.		
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Please note that all references listed on the enclosed substitute form PTO-1449 are cross-referenced and may be found as exhibits in the disclosed Defendant's Expert Report (the first entry in the above list).

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed substitute form PTO-1449 shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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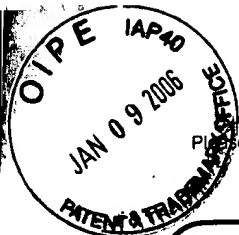
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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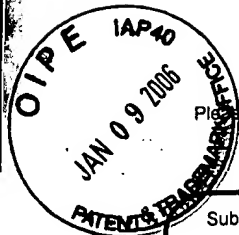
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